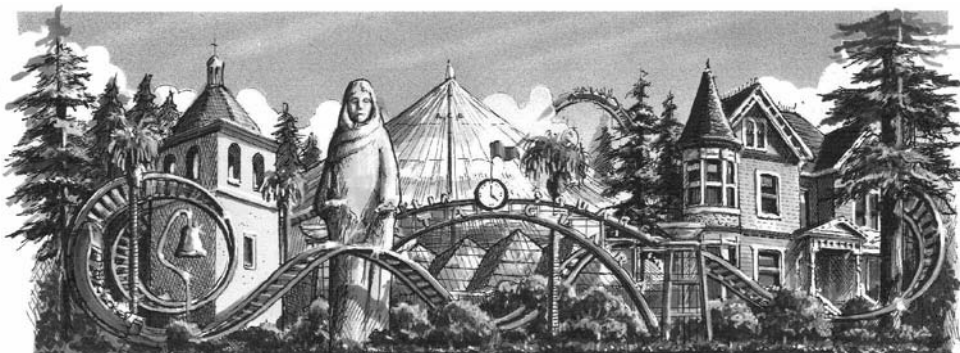




## INSIDE SANTA CLARA

QUARTERLY NEWSPAPER FOR  
CITY OF SANTA CLARA  
RESIDENTS & BUSINESSES

FALL 2008



### It's official – California is in a drought and water conservation is needed

For the first time in 17 years, a statewide drought has been declared in California, and all residents are urged to voluntarily reduce their water use by 10%.

For most households, conserving this amount can be easily achieved by making simple changes in daily life such as taking shorter showers, only running full loads in the clothes and dish washers, covering swimming pools to limit evaporation, watering lawns in late evening or early morning, and repairing leaks. Other ways to reduce water use include:

Pick up a low-flow showerhead, faucet aerator, leak detection dye tablets or replacement toilet flapper from the Water & Sewer Utilities Department at City Hall or request them from the Santa Clara Valley Water District at 265-2607 x2554.

Replace your older toilet with a new high-efficiency toilet and you may qualify for a rebate of up to \$125 offered by Santa Clara Valley Water District. A high-efficiency toilet uses less than 1.28 gallons per flush (compared to 3.5 gallons per flush on older toilets), and can reduce household water usage by 20%. A list of pre-approved toilets and a pre-approval application for the program can be obtained by calling (877) 874-8479.

A rebate of \$100-\$150 is available for the purchase and installation of a high-efficiency clothes washer that uses less water. Residents can pick up

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### Listening to candidates is part of making an informed decision



The Vote Ethics insert enclosed with this newspaper provides information on how voters can evaluate candidates and the type of campaign strategies they use in their efforts to win. [More information on Vote Ethics is on the website [www.voteethics.org](http://www.voteethics.org).]

Listening and watching candidates remains one of the best ways to judge which candidate is right for the position, and two Candidate Forums for those seeking elective municipal office in the City of Santa Clara will be broadcast live on Cable Channel 15 this fall.

The public is also invited to attend both events in person.

The first forum will be held on Thursday, Oct. 9, 7-9:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 1500 Warburton Ave. It is co-sponsored by the Santa Clara Citizens Advisory Committee, the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce & Convention-Visitors Bureau, and the *Santa Clara Weekly*.

The night before Election Day, Monday, Nov. 3, will be the "Final Word" Candidates Forum, 7-9:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. This is the third time the "Final Word" Forum has been held, which is designed to discourage candidates from last-minute "hit" pieces. Candidates have a final opportunity to set the record straight and to discuss how well they fulfilled the promises they made to conduct honest, fair and respectful campaigns. For the 2008 list of candidates for municipal office, see page 2.

See the special VOTE ETHICS insert  
inside this publication.

### Discussions continue on 49ers' proposed stadium

Non-binding negotiations are continuing with the 49ers to clarify and document the understandings of all parties involved in the proposed stadium project. The project is proposed for property owned by the City on Tasman Drive and currently leased to California's Great America for theme park parking. While much progress has been made in the discussions about the 49ers' \$916 million stadium proposal, both staff and the 49ers agreed that the original July 2008 deadline for completion of discussions could not be met, and that additional time was needed to bring forward a completed Term Sheet for Council consideration.

At the June 17, 2008 City Council meeting, the Council approved an

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### It's time once again for the Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival

See the special Festival insert  
inside this publication.



Join friends and family at the Santa Clara Art and Wine Festival on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13-14 in beautiful Central Park, 909 Kiely Blvd. This spectacular, annual event is held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day and offers something for everyone. *See the special festival insert inside this publication!*

Start the morning in a peaceful setting and partake in a delicious pancake breakfast at the Pavilion. Spend the afternoon browsing 175 arts and crafts booths, with items ranging from fine paintings to toys, jewelry, ceramics, and more.

Enjoy premium wines served by Bargetto, Guglielmo, J. Lohr and Wente wineries or micro-brewed beer provided by Gordon Biersch Brewing Company. Satisfy your taste buds in "Food Alley," where two dozen community groups will cook up international food favorites such as tri-tip sandwiches, tamales, and Chinese chicken salad. Other popular items will include Philly cheesesteak sandwiches, funnel cake, and kettle corn.

There is a variety of continuous live entertainment on three stages throughout the park. The Meadow Stage features talented community groups, while the Kids Kingdom Stage will provide entertainment for even the youngest member of

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### General Plan update needs resident input

See the special GENERAL PLAN Update  
Survey inside this publication.

Public participation is helping guide the comprehensive update of the City's General Plan. Community workshops held this summer engaged many residents in the discussion of General Plan issues and visioning for the future of the City through the year 2035. The next community workshop, scheduled for October 27, will discuss potential alternative plans.

Enclosed with this issue of *Inside Santa Clara* is the General Plan Survey. Please take a couple of moments to review it and respond to us with your thoughts. The Survey is also available on the City's General Plan website at [www.santaclaragp.com](http://www.santaclaragp.com).

You can sign up to receive notifications of future General Plan meetings on the website, by calling City Planning staff at 615-2450 or by sending an email to [dhanderson@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:dhanderson@santaclaraca.gov).

The General Plan Update Steering Committee, comprised of four community members, two Council Members, and two Planning Commissioners, reviews public input in reaching its recommendations. The first public hearings of the General Plan update before the Planning Commission are expected to occur in early Spring, 2009.

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**Art & Wine Festival** *(Continued from page 1)*

your family to enjoy. In the Pavilion you can swing to the sounds of popular bands, including two local favorites: David Ladd’s Downtown All Stars and the Joe Sharino Band.

Bring the entire family to Kids Kingdom where youngsters can climb to great heights on the Rock Climbing Wall, pet a pigmy goat at the Petting Zoo, take a ride on the Choo Choo train, glide down the Giant Slide, and play the Carnival Booths. Other family activities include a Kid’s ID booth where children can be fingerprinted, the Fire Safety Trailer, and photos with a police vehicle. New to the area this year is a “Food Court” featuring “kid-friendly” food.

Admission to the festival is free. **No pets are allowed.** Proceeds from the two-day festival will benefit local charities. For further information, call the Community Recreation Center at 615-3140 or visit the website: [www.santaclarartandwine.com](http://www.santaclarartandwine.com).

## Santa Clara’s General Municipal Election is November 4

Santa Clara voters will have an opportunity to vote for four Council Members, the City Clerk, and the Chief of Police in the Tuesday, November 4, 2008 General Municipal Election.

October 20 is the last day to register to vote in the November 4 election. Voter registration cards are available in the City Clerk’s Office at City Hall, the library and all City fire stations in Santa Clara. They are also available at the Registrar of Voters Office, 1555 Berger Dr., San Jose, and on the Registrar’s website at [www.sccvote.org](http://www.sccvote.org). October 28 is the last day to request a Vote by Mail ballot from the Registrar.

### Candidates

Candidates were required to file nomination papers in August. Here are the municipal candidates whose names will appear on the November ballot.

- Candidates for Council Seat No.3: Mario Bouza, Mary Emerson, Will Kennedy
- Candidates for Council Seat No. 4: Kevin Moore
- Candidates for Council Seat No. 6: Brian P. Lowery, Jamie L. Matthews
- Candidates for Council Seat No. 7: Chuck Blair, Jamie McLeod, Ciaran Gerard O’Donnell
- Candidates for City Clerk: Rod Diridon, Jr.
- Candidates for Chief of Police: Steve Lodge

All candidates have agreed to voluntary campaign expenditure limits and have signed a voluntary pledge to campaign ethically.

## Be cautious at the front door

There have been some incidents in Santa Clara and in other nearby cities where people are fraudulently portraying themselves as municipal employees in order to victimize others. The pretenders claim to be City employees and ask to come inside the home. Once inside, one person distracts the resident while a second person looks for items of value to take.

It is rare that any City of Santa Clara employee will ask to enter your home to do work that you have not requested in advance. Always ask to see a City-issued identification card before admitting unexpected visitors who say they are City

employees. City identification cards are laminated and include the employee’s name and job title, City department, the City seal and the employee’s photograph on one side, and another photo of the employee with other information on the reverse. If the person is unable to provide this identification card, or is acting suspicious, do not admit him or her to your home and call 9-1-1.

During normal business hours, you can verify that an individual is a municipal employee by calling the City of Santa Clara at 615-2000 or 615-3000. After normal business hours, or at anytime when you suspect suspicious activity, call 9-1-1.

## City of Santa Clara Code of Ethics and Values

Ethical  
Professional  
Service-Oriented  
Fiscally Responsible  
Organized  
Communicative  
Collaborative  
Progressive

Ethics Every Day: Making  
Ethical Values a Good Habit



## CITY OF SANTA CLARA QUARTERLY REPORT

Fall 2008

(delivered bulk mail to every residential  
and business address in Santa Clara)

### Santa Clara City Council

Patricia M. Mahan, Mayor  
Dominic J. Caserta, Council Member  
Will Kennedy, Council Member  
Patrick Kolstad, Council Member  
Joe Kornder, Council Member  
Jamie McLeod, Council Member  
Kevin Moore, Council Member

Jennifer Sparacino, City Manager  
Rod Diridon, Jr., City Clerk/City Auditor  
Helene Leichter, City Attorney

[www.santaclaraca.gov](http://www.santaclaraca.gov)

### Quarterly Report Inquiries:

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City Hall, 1500 Warburton Avenue  
Santa Clara, CA 95050  
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### City Goals and Priorities 2007-2009

The City Council priority is to focus on successful completion of existing City projects, postpone new City projects and proposals, and operate within Council-adopted budget principles and priorities, with the goal of guiding the City successfully to economic recovery. (The complete Council Principles and Priorities 2007-09 can be found on the City website at

[www.santaclaraca.gov/city\\_gov/city\\_gov\\_council\\_adopted\\_goals.html](http://www.santaclaraca.gov/city_gov/city_gov_council_adopted_goals.html))

### City Mission Statement

The mission of the City of Santa Clara is to promote a living and working environment that allows for the best quality of life by serving the community with resourceful, efficient, progressive and professional leadership.  
- Adopted by Council action, July 25, 1989 -



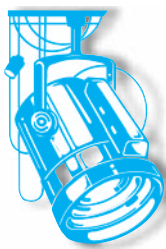
## Public Meetings - City Hall

Board of Library Trustees*	1st Monday	7:00 pm
Citizens Advisory Committee	4th Monday	7:00 pm
City Council	Two Tuesdays per month	7:00 pm
Civil Service Commission	2nd Monday	7:00 pm
Cultural Advisory Commission	1st Monday	7:30 pm
Historical & Landmarks Commission	1st Thursday	7:00 pm
International Exchange Commission	1st Tuesday	7:00 pm
Parks & Recreation Commission	3rd Tuesday	7:00 pm
Planning Commission	2nd & 4th Wednesday	7:00 pm
Senior Advisory Commission**	4th Monday	10:00 am
Youth Commission (during the school year)***	2nd Tuesday	6:00 pm

*Some commissions/committees meet monthly and others meet semi-monthly. Agendas for City Council, Board and Commission meetings are posted at the City Clerk’s Office at City Hall, the Central Park Library and Mission Library, and on the City website, at least 3 days before the listed meeting. Complete agenda packets with back-up reports for City Council meetings are available at either City Library beginning Saturday before the Tuesday meetings, or at the City Clerk’s Office on weekdays. The City website also allows for the viewing of Agenda Reports online, at [santaclaraca.gov/calendarc\\_m\\_cur.html](http://santaclaraca.gov/calendarc_m_cur.html).*

\* Meeting is at Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Road  
\*\* Meeting is at the Senior Center, 1303 Fremont Street  
\*\*\* Meeting is at Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue

Online schedule: [www.santaclaraca.gov](http://www.santaclaraca.gov)  
Dates and times may vary. Call (408) 615-2220 for information.



SPOTLIGHT ON CITY BOARD,  
COMMISSIONS  
AND COMMITTEES

ADA Committee meeting

The City of Santa Clara Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Committee will hold its joint meeting with the City Staff ADA Compliance Committee on Monday, September 22, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Meeting locations are broadcast on Santa Clara Cable Channel 15, or information can be obtained by calling the Engineering Department at 615-3000.

The ADA Advisory Committee is composed of representatives from the community, both individuals and organizations such as the Hearing Loss Association of America and the Adult Independence Development Center. Members of the public are invited to attend the meetings and participate in the various accessibility issues discussed.

Two vacancies on the Cultural  
Advisory Commission

The City of Santa Clara has two vacancies on the Cultural Advisory Commission for full terms ending June 30, 2012. Volunteers are needed to serve, and interested residents are encouraged to apply! The deadline to receive applications is September 24, 2008 at 5 p.m., with interviews September 30 at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Lobby.

The seven-member Cultural Advisory Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council in matters pertaining to the cultural enrichment and beautification of the City. The commission generally meets on the first Monday of each month.

If you are a registered voter and are interested in serving on this Commission or just want more information, contact the City Clerk’s Office, 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050. You may call the City Clerk’s Office on weekdays at 615-2220, or email [clerk@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov).

Learn about serving on a  
City Commission

The City continuously seeks residents who may be interested in serving on any of the City’s nine boards or commissions, or a City committee. Vacancies occur due to expiring terms and resignations.

To be placed on a mailing list to be notified when there is an opening, contact the City Clerk’s Office, 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, 615-2220, or email [clerk@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:clerk@santaclaraca.gov). You must be a resident and a registered voter to serve. [Youth Commissioners must be Santa Clara residents, age 12-19.]

Commissions and committees include: Board of Library Trustees, Civil Service Commission, Cultural Advisory Commission, Historical & Landmarks Commission, International Exchange Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Planning Commission, Senior Advisory Commission, Youth Commission, and the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Committee.

When is the best time to get ready  
for a disaster? Now!

Will there be a disaster that disrupts daily life for Santa Clara residents? Yes. When will it occur? No one knows – it could be tomorrow, or even in the next hour.

That is why there is no time to waste in preparing your household with emergency supplies so that you can be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. A major disaster can overwhelm the public safety resources of the City and the region, making it critically important that residents be able to take care of themselves, their families and their neighborhoods immediately following a disaster event, such as an earthquake.

Here is a checklist of the basic key items every household should have on hand. For a more comprehensive list of emergency supplies, plus ideas of what to carry in your car and have on hand at your workplace, check the Emergency Preparedness Guidelines publication on the City of Santa Clara website, [www.santaclaraca.gov](http://www.santaclaraca.gov).

- 1) Water – 3 gallons per person in your household, plus extra for pets
- 2) Three days of nonperishable or canned food for every person in your household, plus pets
- 3) Flashlight
- 4) Portable radio
- 5) Batteries for flashlight and radio
- 6) Non-electric can opener
- 7) First Aid kit and First Aid manual
- 8) Sturdy shoes and socks for each family member
- 9) Duct tape
- 10) Fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A:10B:C
- 11) Matches in a waterproof container
- 12) Hand sanitizer and moist towelettes
- 13) Small hand tools including crow bar, hammer, pliers, screwdriver and wrench to shut off gas and water
- 14) Work gloves and vinyl gloves
- 15) Large plastic garbage bags and plastic ties
- 16) Tent or tarp (9x12 ft. minimum)
- 17) Blankets and sleeping bags
- 18) Dust masks
- 19) Paper towels, toilet paper, tissues
- 20) All purpose liquid soap
- 21) Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes and other personal hygiene items for each family member
- 22) Cash in small bills and change
- 23) Camp stove and fuel and/or barbecue and charcoal
- 24) Jackets and/or hooded rain ponchos for each family member

Being prepared is not just its own reward. Get ready now for the next disaster and you could win a VIP tour and lunch for four at a Santa Clara City Fire Station!

Send in the coupon (shown below left) stating that your household is prepared and you will be eligible for a random drawing to win lunch for four and a VIP tour of one of the Santa Clara City Fire Stations. Enclose the coupon with your utility payment, or mail the coupon to: I’m Prepared!, City Hall, 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050. Coupons must be postmarked by October 31, 2008 to be eligible. The drawing is limited to City of Santa Clara residents.

Another way to get prepared

The Santa Clara City Fire Department offers the Home Emergency Assistance Team (HEAT) program designed to help the citizens of Santa Clara to be self-sufficient after a major disaster when a well-trained civilian work force can be invaluable.

The 20-hour training program covers safety, awareness, preparation, utility control and fire suppression, basic medical care, damage assessment, light search and rescue, communications, and HEAT team management. Each participant receives a student manual, safety helmet and vest, and graduation certificate.

For information on the HEAT program, call 615-4940.

City Holidays and holiday refuse  
pickup schedule

- Monday, Sept. 1 (Labor Day): Refuse pickup as regularly scheduled
  - Tuesday, Sept. 9 (Admission Day): Refuse pickup as regularly scheduled
  - Monday, Oct. 13 (Columbus Day): Refuse pickup as regularly scheduled
  - Tuesday, Nov. 11 (Veterans Day): Refuse pickup as regularly scheduled
  - Thursday & Friday, Nov. 27-28 (Thanksgiving Holiday): No collection on Thanksgiving Day. Customers who normally have pickup on Thursday will be serviced on Friday. Customers normally serviced on Friday will have pickup on Saturday.
- For more information, call 615-3080.

I’m prepared!

I have on hand the 24 items (listed above right) needed to be self-sufficient for at least three (3) days in case of a major disaster.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Santa Clara, CA Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Clip and return this coupon with your municipal utility bill payment, or mail to

I’m Prepared!, City Manager’s Office

1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara CA 95050

Must be postmarked by October 31, 2008 to be eligible for the prize drawing.







# A full of fun in Santa Clara

## Farmers Market Every Saturday



The Downtown Santa Clara Farmers Market continues its popular year-round engagement every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jackson Street between Benton and Homestead. Each season brings in new crops of fruits and vegetables. Look for greens, winter squash, and late berries in the autumn. Check out colorful bouquets of cut flowers for your home, or plants for your patio and garden. Baked goods and specialty dishes are yours to enjoy, while listening to live music and enjoying the crisp fall air with friends and neighbors. Questions? Call 241-1281.

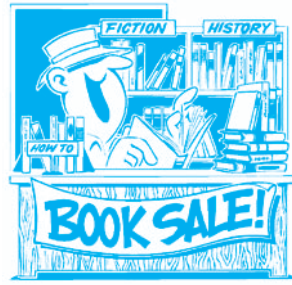
## 9-11 Concert Thursday, Sept. 11

The Santa Clara Sister Cities Association presents a free concert at the redwood grove behind the Triton Museum as part of an international program that commemorates the anniversary of the September 11th tragedy. The goal is to bring communities together, reaffirm the hope of world peace, and celebrate life and universal humanity. The concert is 5-9 p.m., Triton Museum, 1505 Warburton Ave. For more information, contact Debi Davis at 244-7551 or [debid56@comcast.net](mailto:debid56@comcast.net).

## Genealogy Research Tuesday, Sept. 16

Pamela Bell Dallas, a genealogical educator, author and member of the Association of Professional Genealogists will speak on "Help! The Courthouse Burned," what to do when you face a brick wall in genealogy research. The free talk is 7-9 p.m. at Santa Clara Central Park Library. For information contact Local History Librarian Mary Hanel at 615-2909 or email [mhanel@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:mhanel@santaclaraca.gov).

## Book Sales Saturdays, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15



Shop for great fiction and nonfiction books, sold at the low price of \$5 per grocery bag. Thousands of books to choose from, and proceeds benefit the library. The Foundation & Friends of the Santa Clara City Library Book Sale is held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Cedar Room of the Central Park Library. For more information call 615-2987.

## Rummage & Antique Sale Saturday, Sept. 20

Whether you have antique treasures, homemade crafts or white elephant "stuff" that you would like to sell, here is your opportunity to rent a space for \$15 with a table and two chairs on the grounds of the lovely Harris-Lass Museum, 1889 Market St. Sellers will be expected to arrive at 7 a.m. for set-up. The public is invited to drop in and browse from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sellers, vendors or crafts people, seeking more information should call Mary Ann at 248-7897 or email Kathleen at [kshall@aol.com](mailto:kshall@aol.com).

## Local Author Ron Hansen Wednesday, Sept. 24

Local author Ron Hansen will discuss his new novel, *Exiles*, and talk about writing at 7 p.m. at Santa Clara Central Park Library. Hansen is the author of a number of books, including *Atticus*, *Hitler's Niece*, *The Assassination of Jesse James*, and *Mariette in Ecstasy*. He currently is the Gerald Manley Hopkins Professor in the Arts and Humanities at Santa Clara University, where he teaches writing and literature. Sign up for this free author program at Reference, or call 615-2900.

## Healthy Foods Build Healthy Bodies Saturday, Sept. 27

An informative presentation from Kaiser Permanente from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Central Park Library, sponsored by the Foundation & Friends of the Santa Clara City Library. Reservations are not required; for information call 851-3756.

## Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Saturday, Sept. 27

Safe and easy disposal of household hazardous waste is available for Santa Clara residents at a drop-off event at the City of Santa Clara Street Corporation Yard, 1700 Walsh Ave. Residents must register to attend this event (or any of the drop-off events scheduled throughout the year) by calling the County Household Hazardous Waste Program at 299-7300. Residents can dispose of fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, paint, automotive fluids, cleaners, solvents, batteries, propane, fertilizers, pesticides, wood preservatives, and other types of household hazardous wastes at any of the drop-off events. Items NOT accepted include cathode ray tubes (computer or television monitors), ammunition, explosives, reactives, or containers larger than five gallons. Contact the Street Department at 615-3080 regarding the disposal of computers or television monitors. Call the Police Department at 615-4700 regarding disposal of ammunition or explosives.

## Build It Green Home Tour Sunday, Sept. 28

Check out green built and remodeled homes in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Dave Edwards family home in Santa Clara will be one of the green homes on the self-guided tour. See houses that look great, save money and are easier on the environment. For information, visit [www.builditgreen.org](http://www.builditgreen.org) or call 1-888-404-7336.



## Blues Bash: Music Supporting the Arts Sun., Sept. 28

The Blues Bash is an annual fundraiser supporting programs at the Triton Museum of Art. The afternoon event includes live blues music from 1 to 5 p.m. performed by talented local musicians, artist booths, opportunity drawings and a barbecue dinner in the redwood grove. Seating options include table seating with dinner (\$40 per person; \$350 table for 10), lawn seating with dinner (\$25 adults, \$10 age 5-12; under 5 free), or lawn seating without dinner (\$10 per person, children under 12 free). Lawn guests are asked to bring their own blankets. Those not purchasing dinner may bring their own picnic. Parking is free. For information, call 247-3754.

## Santa Clara Players present Table Manners Oct. 3 - 25

The 47th season of the Santa Clara Players opens with *Table Manners* by Alan Ayckbourn. Annie has arranged to spend an illicit weekend with her sister Ruth's husband

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### QUICK CALENDAR

Descriptions for all Fall events listed below are on pages 4 through 6.

- Farmers Market  
Every Saturday
- 9-11 Concert  
Thursday, Sept. 11
- Genealogy Research  
Tuesday, Sept. 16
- Book Sales  
Saturdays, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15
- Rummage & Antique Sale  
Saturday, Sept. 20
- Local Author Ron Hansen  
Wednesday, Sept. 24
- Healthy Foods Build Healthy Bodies  
Saturday, Sept. 27
- Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off  
Saturday, Sept. 27
- Build It Green Home Tour  
Sunday, Sept. 28
- Blues Bash: Music Supporting the Arts  
Sun., Sept. 28
- Santa Clara Players present  
*Table Manners*  
Oct. 3 - 25
- Fire Prevention Week Open House  
Saturday, Oct. 4
- Public Power Week Event  
Tue., Oct. 7
- Aerial Photo Book Author  
Wednesday, Oct. 8
- Driver Education for Teens  
October 18, 19 & 25, 26
- DNA in Family History Research  
Tuesday, Oct. 21
- Halloween Tour  
Friday, Oct. 24
- Healthy Female Sexuality  
Saturday, Oct. 25
- Halloween Party for Children  
Friday, Oct. 31
- Mission City Community Fund Dinner  
Saturday, Nov. 1
- Fall Train Show  
Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 1-2
- Change your Clock/Change Your  
Smoke Detector Battery!  
Sunday, Nov. 2
- AOPA plans fly-in  
Nov. 6 - 8
- Veterans Day Ceremony  
Tuesday, Nov. 11
- Annual Holiday Craft Faire  
Saturday, Nov. 15
- Oliver!* By Roberta Jones  
Junior Theatre  
Nov. 14-16, 21-23
- Grand Jury History  
Tuesday, Nov. 18
- Holiday Decorations Contest  
Dec. 1-15
- Historic Home Tour  
Friday & Saturday, Dec. 5-6
- Holiday Potluck  
Sunday, Dec. 7
- Amahl and the Night Visitors*  
Sunday, Dec. 7





## Fall (continued from page 4)

Norman, and for this reason, suitably disguised, has asked her elder brother Reg and his wife Sarah to look after their widowed mother and the house. As it happens, the seduction, thought or planned, by each of the six characters never takes place.

Curtain time for Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings is 8 p.m. Matinees on the first Saturday and all Sunday performances are at 2:30 p.m. There is no evening performance on the first Saturday. Tickets are \$18 for the champagne opening night and \$15 for all other performances. Discounts for seniors and students are available. For tickets and information on a single play or season tickets, call 248-7993 or visit [www.scplayers.org](http://www.scplayers.org).

## Fire Prevention Week Open House

**Saturday, Oct. 4**

Come to the Santa Clara Fire Department Training Center, 1900 Walsh Ave., to learn what you can do to better safeguard your family from a fire. City officials will conduct the opening ceremonies at 10 a.m., kicking off activities of National Fire Prevention Week with this year's theme "Prevent Home Fires." Visitors will learn how to prevent fires, develop a fire escape plan, check smoke detectors and change smoke detector batteries. Children will also have the opportunity to see smoke, hear the sound of a smoke detector, feel a warm door and practice escaping out the window of the Fire Safety Trailer. There will be exciting exhibits and demonstrations by the Santa Clara Fire Department including fire suppression, auto-extrication, and rappelling. The day will be full of opportunities to meet members of the Fire Department, see them in action and receive information on how you can better protect your family from fire. Always remember to test your smoke detector at least once a month and make sure you have at least two ways out of each bedroom. For more information call 615-4970. See related article on page 13.



## Public Power Week event

**Tuesday, Oct. 7**



Representatives of Silicon Valley Power, the City of Santa Clara's municipal Electric Utility, will be at Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Rd., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to provide information about current energy efficiency programs, green power and electrical safety. Visitors will receive a free energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulb, a \$4 value. The event is part of Public Power Week, Oct. 5-11, which will be celebrated by 2,000 public power utilities like Santa Clara nationwide. City businesses and residents benefit from having a municipally owned and operated utility by paying lower rates and enjoying very reliable electric service. As a not-for-profit City utility, the utility's chief responsibility is to serve and provide the Santa Clara community with environmentally friendly power at the lowest possible prices. For more information, call 244-SAVE (7283).

## Aerial Photo Book Author

**Wednesday, Oct. 8**

Ben Hatfield will discuss his recently-published aerial photo book, *Over Time: Palo Alto 1947-1980*, at 7 p.m. at Central Park Library. He will also talk about the history of his father's aerial photography business, Hatfield Aerial Survey, and his plans to produce aerial photo books for the cities of Santa Clara, San Jose and Los Altos. Historical aerial photos of Santa Clara will be displayed. Reserve a spot for this free program at the Reference Desk, 615-2900. For more information contact Local History Librarian Mary Hanel at 615-2909 or email [mhanel@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:mhanel@santaclaraca.gov).

## Driver Education for Teens

**October 18, 19 & 25, 26**

Driver Education is being offered this fall at the Teen Center for students age 14 and up. This California State course is required for students under the age of 18 to obtain a driver's instruction permit. The class is 28 hours long and does not include behind the wheel instruction. Contact the Teen Center at 615-3740 for further information.

## DNA in Family History Research

**Tuesday, Oct. 21**

Katherine Hope Borges, Bay Area representative for the International Society of Genetic Genealogy, will discuss the use of DNA testing in genealogy and family history research. Ms. Borges has done research on Colonial Era DNA, Mayflower DNA and Scottish DNA. The free talk is 7-9 p.m. at Santa Clara Central Park Library. For information contact Local History Librarian Mary Hanel at 615-2909 or email [mhanel@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:mhanel@santaclaraca.gov).

## Halloween Tour

**Friday, Oct. 24**

Take one of the creepy but thrilling nighttime house and barn tours of the Victorian-era Harris-Lass property, now a City-owned museum at 1889 Market St., and managed by the Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara. Learn about the people who once lived in the house and find out if any have returned as ghosts. The tours are from 6-9 p.m. and admission is \$3 adults, \$2 children and seniors. Cookies and hot drinks will be sold. For more information, email [kshall@aol.com](mailto:kshall@aol.com) or leave an inquiry on the Harris-Lass Museum message line at 249-7905.



## Healthy Female Sexuality

**Saturday, Oct. 25**

Valuing your sexual self and how your partner can help is the topic in this unique discussion. Psychologist and sex therapist Bryna Barsky-Ex Ph.D. will discuss what healthy female sexuality is and the factors that impact a woman's sex life. The event is presented by Kaiser Permanente and sponsored by the Foundation & Friends of the Santa Clara City Library in the Cedar Room at the Central Park Library. For information call 851-3756.

## Switch to DTV

**Wednesday, Oct. 29**

Are you prepared for the switch to digital television (DTV)? By law, television stations nationwide must switch their broadcasting from analog to digital by February 17, 2009. Roy Avila of KICU-TV Channel 36 will answer your questions about the switch and provide information on upgrading to digital television in the Central Park Library Cedar Room on October 29 at 7:30 p.m. Find out about the DTV converter box, purchasing a digital television set, or subscribing to a paid service, such as cable. To sign up for this free informative program, stop by the Reference Desk, or call 615-2900.

## Halloween Party for Children

**Friday, Oct. 31**

Happy Halloween! Come celebrate Halloween at the annual SPOOKTACULAR party at the Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, 2450 Cabrillo Ave., sponsored by the Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department. The free party includes carnival games, tiny tots play area, bounce houses, arts and crafts, balloon artists, and lots of treats! Also, come visit the Fire Department, Police Department, and Library booths. Refreshments will be sold by the Youth Commission. Preschool age children through 5th grade are welcome to participate. Everyone is encouraged to come in costume. Party hours are 3-6 p.m. For more information, call 615-3760.



## Mission City Community Fund Dinner

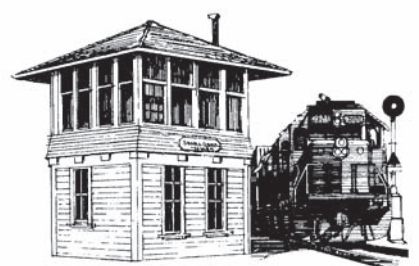
**Saturday, Nov. 1**

The 22nd annual fundraising dinner and auction will be held at the Santa Clara Convention Center. The event includes no-host cocktails, appetizers, an elegant dinner, dancing and silent and live auctions of such items as vacations, sports memorabilia and special activities. All proceeds are returned to the Santa Clara community in the form of grants to non-profits involved in theater and the arts, social services, education, health care and the environment. Tickets are \$100 each and available from the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce & Convention-Visitors Bureau. For information visit [www.missioncityfund.org](http://www.missioncityfund.org) or call 246-5020.

## Fall Train Show

**Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 1-2**

Model trains and railroad artifacts are the focus of this two-day event. Two museum-quality model railroad layouts and a collection of railroad artifacts – many provided by local families steeped in railroad history – will be on display. The HO and N-scale model train displays at the Santa Clara Depot are works in process. Both layouts operate in an era of the late 1950s, meaning that scenery (structures, industries and businesses) and vehicles are consistent with real railroad operations of that period. Both displays will be fully operational from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The Edward Peterman



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Museum of Railroad History includes a collection of railroad lanterns and many historic trackside and grade crossing signaling devices, as well as memorabilia that celebrate the heritage of local railroad workers. The Santa Clara interlocking control tower, which for many years stood sentry over the adjacent rail yard, will be open for tours between 12 noon and 4 p.m. each day, weather permitting. Another focus of the train show is the organization's Company Store, which sells used model railroad trains and accessories, and railroad memorabilia, books, magazines, VHS videos and DVDs. Sales from the company store, as well as entrance donations to the depot, are a major source of funding for the museum and the restoration projects of the South Bay Historical Railroad Society. A donation of \$5 for adults will be collected at the entrance to the depot. Admission for persons under 18 is free. For more information, call the museum message line at 243-3969.

## Change your Clock/Change Your Smoke Detector Battery!

Sunday, Nov. 2

### CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



### CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

Daylight Savings Time ends on November 2 and everyone must turn clocks back one hour. The time change is also a perfect time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors to help ensure that your family has the critical time needed to escape if there is a fire in your home. Working smoke detectors double the chance a person has of

surviving a fire by providing the extra time that is critical for a safe escape. The Santa Clara Fire Department recommends having a smoke detector in each bedroom and in the hallways adjacent to any sleeping areas. Smoke detectors (even those that are hard-wired) should be tested monthly. For further information regarding fire and life safety, call the Santa Clara Fire Department's Fire Marshal's Office at 615-4970.

## AOPA plans fly-in

Nov. 6 - 8

The Aircraft Owners and Pilot's Association is planning a fly-in at the Mineta-San Jose Airport as well as Reid-Hillview Airport as part of its annual conference being held in San Jose. If the weather is clear, they expect as many as 800 single-engine and light-twin aircraft to arrive at both these airports. The AOPA conference will be held in San Jose. For more information, see their website at [www.aopa.org](http://www.aopa.org).

## Veterans Day Ceremony

Tuesday, Nov. 11



A ceremony honoring veterans will be held at 3:30 p.m. at Santa Clara Veterans Memorial in Central Park, 909 Kiely Blvd. Handicap parking and wheelchair assistance are available in the employee parking lot at the Community Recreation Center. For more information about the ceremony, or how to have a brick installed at this lovely memorial to honor a veteran, contact James Lee at 296-2512.

## Annual Holiday Craft Faire

Saturday, Nov. 15

The annual Holiday Faire at the Senior Center will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors can sign up for 8x3 ft. table beginning Sept. 1. The cost is \$20 for each table space and \$10 for each additional table ordered.

Proceeds benefit the Case Management Program. All items offered for sale must be new and no food sales will be allowed. Vendor applications are available at the Senior Center office. Call 615-3170 for more information.

## Oliver! By Roberta Jones Junior Theatre

Nov. 14-16, 21-23

Roberta Jones Junior Theatre celebrates its 40th anniversary with a production of the musical theatre classic, *Oliver!* This delightful adaptation, with music, lyrics and book by Lionel Bart, features the beloved songs *Food, Glorious Food*; *I'd Do Anything*; *Where is Love?*; *Consider Yourself*; and *As Long As He Needs Me*. Performances are at the Community Recreation Center, 969 Kiely Blvd, with curtain time at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights and 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Call 615-3161 for ticket information.

## Grand Jury History

Tuesday, Nov. 18

Gloria Alicia Chacon, Executive Assistant to the Santa Clara County Grand Jury, will discuss the history, functions and work of the Grand Jury. She will also explain how and where to find Grand Jury records and past reports. The free talk is 7-9 p.m. at Santa Clara Central Park Library. For information contact Local History Librarian Mary Hanel at 615-2909 or email [mhanel@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:mhanel@santaclaraca.gov).

## Holiday Outdoor Decorations Contest

Nominations Dec. 1-15

Nominations for the annual Holiday Outdoor Decorations Contest will be accepted from December 1 through December 15. **Make plans now** to decorate the exterior of your home in cheerful, colorful holiday décor and talk to your neighbors about doing the same. Nominations for best outdoor decorations in four categories (residential, business, neighborhood, and best tree) will be evaluated by a team of judges after the Dec. 15 deadline. Winners will be announced the week of December 22, and will be acknowledged at a City Council meeting in early January 2009. For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at 615-2210.



## Historic Home Tour

Friday & Saturday, Dec. 5-6

Tickets for the annual Santa Clara Historic Home Tour will go on sale beginning in October. The always-delightful Historic Home Tour began 30 years ago and this year's tour includes a lovely 1895 Queen Anne Cottage and the Madison Street Inn, an 1890 Queen Anne Victorian that has served as a popular bed & breakfast establishment for the last 20 years. The Board of the Harris-Lass House Museum co-sponsors the tour with the Old Quad Residents' Association. Proceeds benefit historic preservation projects and other non-profit groups in Santa Clara. Tickets are \$20 if mail ordered by October 31, by sending a legal-size (#10) self-addressed stamped envelope to: Historic Home Tour 2008, c/o Harris-Lass House Museum, P.O. Box 3311, Santa Clara, CA 95055-3311. Beginning November 1, tickets can be purchased at City Lights Espresso, 1171 Homestead Rd. at Jackson St. Prices are \$25 general admission, \$20 seniors (60+) or children (6-12). No children under the age of 6 will be admitted. If still available the days of the tour, all tickets will be \$30 at the door. For more information, call the Harris-Lass House Museum message line at 249-7905, or view the Home Tour website at [sc-hometour.com](http://sc-hometour.com).

## Holiday Potluck

Sunday, Dec. 7

Santa Clara Sister Cities Association annual Holiday Potluck will be held at the Santa Clara Senior Center, beginning at 5 p.m. We invite you to join our Year in Review Celebration, thanking all of you in the community for supporting us. For more information, contact Debi Davis at 244-7551 or check our website at [www.santaclarasistercities.org](http://www.santaclarasistercities.org).

## Amahl and the Night Visitors

Sunday, Dec. 7

Mission City Opera will present Menotti's *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, a tale of a small beggar boy's encounter with three wise men. This was the first opera written for television and is a 45-minute show with Maestro Taylor conducting the Mission City Opera orchestra at the beautiful Mission City Center for Performing Arts. This is a great activity for children of all ages. Come early and enjoy the caroling! Tickets are priced from \$14 to \$45 and are available now through the box office and online at [www.missioncityopera.org](http://www.missioncityopera.org).





# Library Update

## Fall programs for children, teens at the Library

Programs for all ages of children and teens – from toddlers to high school seniors – will be offered this fall by the Santa Clara City Library. Children age five and under are invited to storytimes, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 16.

Youngsters ages four and older and their parents are welcome at Family Nights held once a month from September through December. Programs generally consist of storytelling, magic, puppetry, and music, and are currently being scheduled.

Monthly Book Discussions for 3rd-4th graders and 5th-6th graders will be held from September through December. Dates and books currently are being determined.

Teen Read Week 2008 celebrates “BOOKS WITH BITE!” Watch for special teen programs to be scheduled the week of October 12-18.

Watch for more special programs in November to celebrate Native American Heritage Month. Check the Library’s Calendar of Events for more details on all of these events at [www.library.santaclaraca.gov](http://www.library.santaclaraca.gov).

## Parent education series scheduled this fall

Parent education programs for adults only begin in September at the Santa Clara City Library in cooperation with Santa Clara Adult Education and other parenting organizations. Unless otherwise noted, all programs in the series begin at 7 p.m. in the Central Park Library Cedar Room. Register in advance at the Youth Services Department, or call 615-2916.

- September 8 –Local author and mom, Denise Roy will present “Momfulness: Mothering with Mindfulness, Compassion and Grace”
- September 15 –Santa Clara Adult Education presents “How To Help Your Child Succeed In School” (*The same program will be presented in Spanish on Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m.*)
- September 30 –Hand In Hand: Nurturing the Parent-Child Connection presents “Helping Children With School”
- October 6 –Santa Clara Adult Education presents “Getting the Most Out Of Your Parent-Teacher Conferences” (*The same program will be presented in Spanish on Tuesday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m.*)
- October 20 –Santa Clara Adult Education presents “The Importance of Routine & Limit Setting In Young Children (ages 0-3)”
- October 21 – Hand in Hand: Nurturing the Parent-Child Connection presents “Setting Limits That Build Better Relationships,” Central Park Library Redwood Room
- October 28 –Santa Clara Adult Education presents “Coping With Depression in Adolescents”
- November 4 –Hand In Hand: Nurturing the Parent-Child Connection presents “Sibling Solutions”
- November 10 –Santa Clara Adult Education presents “Loving and Nurturing Boys”
- November 17 –Santa Clara Adult Education presents “Loving and Nurturing Girls.”

## Protect yourself against mosquito bites and West Nile Virus

Standing water warmed by the sun is an excellent breeding ground for mosquitoes – and mosquitoes bring with them an increased risk of West Nile Virus. To reduce mosquitoes and protect yourself against mosquito bites, follow these guidelines:

- Eliminate all sources of standing water including flower pots, old car tires, rain gutters and pet bowls. Ponds should have mosquito fish or commercially available products to eliminate mosquito larvae.
- Apply insect repellent containing DEET, especially in the early morning and evening when mosquitoes that carry the West Nile Virus are more likely to bite.
- Make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens to keep out mosquitoes.
- Report all dead birds and tree squirrels by calling 877-968-2473 or through the website [www.westnile.ca.gov](http://www.westnile.ca.gov). This information is used by the State to identify “hot spots” of West Nile Virus.

## Pets waiting to be adopted at SVACA



Kobe and Quincy didn’t know each other before they arrived at the Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA) shelter in Santa Clara, but the two soon became close friends while they waited months to find just the right family. Happily, both of the large, older cats have been adopted together and are now enjoying their new home.

But for every success story like this, there is another animal waiting for a new home.

“We’ve seen an increase in the number of animals coming through our doors this year which means we have an array of wonderful animals waiting for new homes,” said Shelter Manager Michael Limper. “We’re hopeful that Santa Clara residents will consider adopting a companion from SVACA as it’s a great way to add that newest special someone to your family.”

The SVACA staff do their very best to ensure that adopters receive a healthy and happy companion by providing high quality care for the animal and terrific customer service for the adopter. One of SVACA’s goals is to make “perfect” matches so that animals remain with their new guardians for the rest of their lives. SVACA uses the ASPCA’s Meet Your Match program in order to match prospective adopters with the best possible dog or cat.

The adoption fee for a dog or cat is \$100 and includes the following: the spay or neuter of the animal, initial appropriate vaccinations, a professional health examination and behavior evaluation, microchip, temporary ID tag and collar, a free examination at a participating local veterinary clinic, and a SVACA tote bag full of goodies to get the adopter started. Santa Clara residents also receive a license for their new companion. All adoption fees are retained by SVACA and used to offset the cost of animal care and control operations; simply said, adoption fees are used to directly help the animals.

All adoptable animals can be viewed online at [www.svaca.com](http://www.svaca.com). SVACA’s state-of-the-art and cageless Animal Care Center is located at 3370 Thomas Rd. in Santa Clara. Call 764-0344 or visit [www.svaca.com](http://www.svaca.com) for more information.

SVACA is a joint powers authority that provides animal care and control services to the cities of Santa Clara, Campbell, and Monte Sereno. Adoption services and volunteer opportunities are open to all in the Bay Area. Adopt a companion animal from SVACA, Silicon Valley’s only cageless animal care center!

## November entry deadline for Miss Santa Clara competition

Entry deadline for the 2009 Miss Santa Clara Competition, an official preliminary of the Miss America and Miss America’s Outstanding Teen Programs, is Saturday, Nov. 15.

The competition showcases the talents and accomplishments of local college, high school and junior high school students. Young women must live, work, or attend school in the City of Santa Clara. This year, two competitions will be held concurrently – the Miss Santa Clara Competition (for women ages 17-24) and the Miss Santa Clara’s Outstanding Teen Competition (for girls ages 13-16). Contestants will compete in Interview, On-Stage Question, Physical Fitness, Talent and Evening Wear categories.

Interested participants must attend one of two orientations scheduled 3:30-5 p.m. on either Saturday, Nov. 1, or Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Henry Schmidt Park Building on the corner of Los Padres Boulevard and Saratoga Avenue.

The Miss Santa Clara Auxiliary will award more than \$15,000 in educational scholarships to the winners, runners-up, and other contestants who win special awards, including Top Interview and Miss Congeniality. ALL contestants are guaranteed a minimum scholarship regardless of their standing at the end of the competition. There is no fee to enter the competition.

The year’s competition will once again feature Miss Santa Clara Princesses, for girls ages 5-12. Every princess will receive a sash and tiara and will be the stars of a production number choreographed by Santa Clara’s own Miss Linnea.

More information can be found at [www.missantaclar.org](http://www.missantaclar.org). To R.S.V.P. to attend an orientation, contact Stephanie Schutt, Contestant Coordinator, at 761-2808 or by email at [stephanie\\_schutt@yahoo.com](mailto:stephanie_schutt@yahoo.com).

## 49ers *(continued from page 1)*

extension of the negotiation period to February 1, 2009, with an expected ballot measure to be put before Santa Clara voters later in 2009. In the meantime, the 49ers have been in discussions with Cedar Fair, owners of California’s Great America theme park, for the potential purchase of the park.

Additional information about the history of the stadium proposal and the information that has been developed, such as the City’s guiding principles for use in the evaluation of the proposal, economic impact reports, and a City tax increment study, can be found on the City’s website at [www.santaclaraca.gov](http://www.santaclaraca.gov).





# UTILITIES UPDATE

## Cost of solid waste disposal

The City of Santa Clara subsidizes some of the cost of solid waste disposal; less than 2% of the annual total costs are currently paid from the General Fund Operating Budget. The report

below lists the actual costs (on average) per household for the second quarter of 2008. Questions about this information may be addressed to the Street Department at 615-2063.

Household Solid Waste Disposal Costs				
2008 Quarter	Tons of solid waste collected in quarter	Single family residences (monthly average)	Average monthly volume of solid waste per single family household (lbs.)	
2nd	14,506 tons	22,222 residences	435 lbs. per month	
The cost for providing collection, transportation and disposal of this solid waste was as follows:				
Monthly	Monthly tonnage collected	Cost of collection & disposal	Cost per ton	Average cost per residence per month
April 2008*	9,411	\$1,870,353	\$ 199	\$ 84.25
May 2008	2,545	\$ 448,315	\$ 176	\$ 20.16
June 2008	2,389	\$ 440,882	\$ 185	\$ 19.83
Total 2nd Quarter	14,345	\$2,759,550	\$ 192	\$ 41.39

Revenue collected for household solid waste disposal costs for this quarter was \$1,316,135.

\* Fees paid by residents for Clean Up Campaign services for a one year period were \$1,493,254. Costs for providing the service were all included in April 2008, above.

## Flood Protection Information

### Floodplains

In the City of Santa Clara, certain areas that have been designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as Special Flood Hazard Areas are called “100-year floodplains.” A flood that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year is called a “100-year flood.” Floodplains are the areas along rivers or streams that have been or may be expected to be covered by a “100-year flood.” To find out whether your property lies within a floodplain, or for information on flood-related questions, call the City Planning Department at 615-2450.

### Flood Insurance

Most property insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. However, because the City of Santa Clara participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, residents can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This insurance is backed by the federal government and is available to anyone who has property in the City, even if it is not in a Special Flood Hazard Area. Property owners in the City located in the Special Flood Hazard Areas receive a 10% discount in the premium costs for NFIP policies issued or renewed. Homes and businesses located within Special Flood Hazard Areas are required to be covered by a flood insurance policy as a condition of federally funded financial assistance for purchase or construction of the building. Information about flood insurance can be obtained from your insurance agent, or by calling the National Flood Insurance Program customer service line at 1-800-427-4661 or visit [www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/floodins/infocon.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/floodins/infocon.shtm).

### Information Sources

The current flood maps and flood protection references are available at the Santa Clara Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Rd., 615-2900. The current flood maps are also avail-

able at the City’s Permit Center, 1500 Warburton Avenue Santa Clara. Any construction for flood-proofing your property requires a permit from the City’s Building Division. Elevation Certificates for recent construction are available at the City’s Planning Department, 615-2450. Online flood information can be viewed at the FEMA website, [msc.fema.gov](http://msc.fema.gov) or on the City website, [www.santaclaraca.gov](http://www.santaclaraca.gov), by typing “Flood” in the search box.

### 24/7 Emergencies

To report life-threatening emergencies, call 9-1-1. To report emergencies involving City electric, water and sewer utilities, storm drains, or flooding, call 615-5640. For information on sandbags call the City Corporation Yard at 615-3080. Up-to-date flood information during storms can be found on the Santa Clara Valley Water District website, [www.valleywater.org](http://www.valleywater.org). For recorded information call 1-888-HEYNOAH (1-888-439-6624).

### Flood Warning Program

When a flood may occur, the City will warn citizens through distribution of advisory notices and emergency officials will visit each neighborhood that is threatened. For more information about the City’s flood warning and emergency response plan, contact the City’s Emergency Services Coordinator in the City’s Fire Department at 615-4900.

### Dumping Creates Flood Hazard

Dumping debris into storm drains can restrict water flow, creating a flood hazard. This not only results in additional expense to the taxpayers, but also the Municipal Code prohibits the dumping of debris into the City’s storm drain system.

## Innovative energy efficiency, renewable energy efforts honored

Five Santa Clara businesses were honored in July by Silicon Valley Power, the municipal Electric Utility, at the inaugural Energy Innovator Awards competition during the Silicon Valley Leadership Group Energy Summit.

Echelon Corporation, Santa Clara University, PDM Steel Services Center, Sierra Meat Company and Applied Materials were recognized for their energy-saving measures or renewable energy efforts that in 2007 preserved more than 500,000 kilowatt hours of electricity and prevented release of over 6,700 tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

The Environmental Innovator award, given for comprehensive efforts to support energy efficiency and renewable energy in the small business category, was presented to Echelon Corporation. The networking company’s energy-efficient retrofit included replacement of eight-foot T-12 fluorescent fixtures with smaller, more efficient fixtures and the replacement of antiquated plant heating apparatus with modern, energy-saving equipment.

In the category of organizations with more than 100 employees, Santa Clara University earned the Environmental Innovator honor after constructing a 338-panel solar system on its main facilities building and promoting creative energy and sustainability programs that reach 9,500 staff, faculty and students.

The Energy Efficiency Partner award is given to organizations for attention to energy efficiency and application of Silicon Valley Power rebate programs. The small business winner was PDM Steel Services Center, a distributor of heavy carbon steel products which took advantage of the Optimal Power Use Service program (OPUS) and replaced metal halide fixtures with efficient lighting that saves 89,652 kilowatt hours annually.

In the large business category, Sierra Meat Company made its meat and poultry importing business more profitable by installing state-of-the-art refrigeration controls and monitoring systems to save over 14,000 kWh a month, cutting energy costs by \$15,000 a year and earning the Energy Efficiency Partner award.

The Green Power Champion award, given to the company with the most significant commitment to green power purchases and other renewable energy programs, was Applied Materials, a global leader in equipment, service and software products related to the semiconductor, solar photovoltaic and flexible electronics industries. Applied Materials purchases 2.6 times the annual output of one large-scale wind turbine, preventing the annual release of over 3,277 tons of carbon dioxide.

With reduced energy bills and by taking advantage of rebates offered by Silicon Valley Power, the municipal Electric Utility, many of the improvements made by these organizations paid for themselves within a year or less.







# WAYS TO SAVE & MAKE MONEY

## Financial assistance programs for seniors

### Homeowners and Renters Assistance (62 years or older, blind or disabled)

The State of California will refund a portion of the taxes you paid in 2007 as part of your rent or property taxes if you qualify. You must reapply every year, and assistance is offered at the Santa Clara Senior Center every Tuesday and Thursday through October 9. Call the Center 615-3170 for qualification information, to ask for an appointment, and to find out the information you need to bring with you.

### Retroactive Refunds of Special Property Tax (65 years or older during the year listed)

A special property tax exemption for the Santa Clara Valley Water District was approved by voters in November 2000. Retroactive refunds are available for low income seniors going back to the first year of the property tax 2001-2002 through 2006-2007. Call the Senior Center for an appointment and bring your property tax bill and income tax return for that year.

### Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

This program provides assistance to low income residents by providing assistance in paying their energy costs. The applicant, if eligible, does not need to have a past due balance and cannot have a credit balance on their utility bill to receive assistance.  
For an application call 1-800-499-1348 or call the Senior Center 615-3170 for information

### Federal Economy Stimulus Payment

You maybe eligible for a \$300 economy stimulus check from the federal government if you did not have to file taxes for 2007, but you have an income of at least \$3,000 including Social Security. If you only have SSI and

no other income you do not qualify for the stimulus payment. In order to qualify you must file before October 15, 2008. Call the Senior Center at 615-3170 for more information.

### Tax Season 2009

Tax preparers will be available for seniors to have their taxes prepared at no cost, beginning in February 2009 at the Senior Center. To qualify, seniors must not have any rental property or be self employed. Call the Senior Center 615-3170 for appointments beginning in January 2009. Taxes are done on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## City's flood insurance rating saves on premium costs

The City of Santa Clara has been notified that it will retain its current rating as a CRS Class 8 community in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System, which allows property owners in Santa Clara to receive a 10% discount in the premium costs for NFIP policies issued or renewed in the Special Flood Hazard Areas.  
Information about flood insurance can be obtained from your insurance agent, or by calling the National Flood Insurance Program customer service line at 1-800-427-4661 or visit [www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/floodins/info-con.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/floodins/info-con.shtm). To find out whether your property lies within a floodplain, or for information on flood-related questions, call the City Planning Department at 615-2450.


Santa Clara was accepted into the National Flood Insurance Program in 1980 and later applied to be included in the Community Rating System that considers City systems such as storm drains, its pump station alarm system, and flood related activities. The City must certify annually that it continues to implement the activities presented in its application each October to maintain its CRS Class 8 rating.  
See the related article on page 8.

## Library offers easy access to Morningstar Investment Research Center

Amateur investors who want to learn more about how to build and manage an investment portfolio have a new tool available to them for free –*Morningstar Investment Research Center*, which can be accessed through the Santa Clara City Library website from residents' home or work computers. A library card is required.  
*Morningstar Investment Research Center* rates mutual funds, stocks, and exchange-traded funds using a five-star rating system. It also offers more than 150 short online courses covering mutual funds, stocks and managing an investment portfolio. Beginning to advanced investors can use *Morningstar* to find investments to meet their individual goals.  
To access MIRC remotely, go to the Library's home page, [www.library.santaclaraca.gov](http://www.library.santaclaraca.gov). Click on the *Research Databases* link and then click on MIRC.  
Funding for remote access to *Morningstar* has been provided by the Foundation & Friends of the Santa Clara City Library.

## Rebates mean cash for Silicon Valley Power customers

Customers of Silicon Valley Power, the municipal Electric Utility, who opt for installing modern cooling, lighting, appliance and other energy efficient fixtures in their homes and businesses can expect impressive cash rebates  
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**SANTA CLARA SENIOR CENTER SERVICES**  
**1303 Fremont Street**  
**Phone: 408.615.3170**

- ❖ **Attic Insulation** . . . . . Pre-set Income Criteria. . . . . Call 408/971-0888
- ❖ **Blood Pressure** . . . . . Wed. 9:30-11:30 a.m. . . . . Drop-in  
Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri. . . . . By appointment
- ❖ **BART Tickets** . . . . . Available at Senior Center . . . . . Cost: \$9.00 Value: \$24.00
- ❖ **VTA Bus Pass** . . . . . Picture taken at County . . . . . \$20.00 Monthly Bus Sticker  
Transit & Senior Center . . . . . Sold at Senior Center
- ❖ **Case Management** . . . . Dawn Pollak . . . . . Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Fitness Room** . . . . . Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
Friday, 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Grab Bars/Ramps/Repairs** . Low-interest rate. For City of  
Santa Clara Homeowners . . . . . Call 408/615-2490
- ❖ **Health Insurance** . . . . Barbara Purdy . . . . . Free service by appointment  
Counseling/Medicare . . . . . Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Home Care Info./** . . . . Susan Bates . . . . . Donations Accepted  
Referral Service . . . . . Scheduled hrs. . . . . Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Income Tax** . . . . . Scheduled Appointments . . . . . Free Service  
Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Legal Assistance** . . . . . Age Limit: 60+ . . . . . By appt. only  
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- ❖ **Notary Service** . . . . . Second Mondays . . . . . By appt. only  
Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Nursing Assessment** . . . Free Service by Appt. . . . . Call 408/615-3170  
for Homebound
- ❖ **Nursing Consultant** . . . Mon. through Fri. . . . . Drop-in or appointments  
Mallory von Kugelgen, R.N. . . . . Call 408/615-3170
- ❖ **Nutrition Program** . . . . Donation \$2.00 . . . . . Age Limit: 60+  
Two day advance reservations required  
Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m. . . . . Call 408/615-3174
- ❖ **Outreach** . . . . . Free Information Service. . . . . Call 408/436-2865
- ❖ **Catholic Charities Housing** . . . . . Call 408/325-5277

**The Senior Center Office Hours are as follows:**  
**Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. • Friday, 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. • Sunday, Closed**





# Green, Greener, Greenest. . . It Begins With You!

## 50 ways in your day that you impact the environment

Simple changes can have big results. It's all a matter of being mindful about how your actions have consequences on the world today and for future generations.

It is not necessary to disrupt your daily routine to be more considerate of the planet – just give a little more thought to what you are doing.

For example, you may not realize you are **negatively** impacting the environment, if ...

1. You leave water running while you brush your teeth instead of turning off the tap.
2. You flush a 3.5-gallon toilet rather than one that only needs 1.28 gallons.
3. You stay in the shower longer than 5 minutes.
4. You have the water heater set higher than 120 degrees.
5. You use an aerosol can of hairspray instead of a pump bottle.
6. You leave the radio turned on when no one is listening.
7. You toss the morning newspaper in the trash rather than recycling it.
8. You keep the thermostat too high or too low while the house is empty during the day.
9. You don't put your coffee grounds, tea bags and eggshells into a compost bin.
10. You keep the coffee pot, toaster and cell phone charger plugged in when not in use.
11. You don't draw the curtains or blinds to keep out the sun when it's hot.
12. You turn on the dishwasher even though it's not full.
13. You drive a single occupant vehicle to work.
14. You don't tighten down your gas cap after refilling the tank.
15. Your car needs a tune-up.
16. Your lamps have incandescent bulbs rather than compact fluorescent light bulbs.
17. You drink bottled water.
18. You go shopping and don't bring your own bags.
19. You buy a cup of coffee in a disposable cup rather than bringing your own mug.
20. You bring lunch in a paper bag rather than a reusable container.
21. You don't remove paper clips before recycling paper files
22. You print out unnecessary emails and files.
23. You don't use discarded paper for notes.

24. You send paper correspondence instead of email.
25. You use a vehicle for nearby errands rather than walking or bicycling.
26. You commute at the most congested times of the day when traffic slowdowns increase air pollution.
27. You automatically flip on the TV when you walk in the house, even if you don't plan to watch a show.
28. You cook with fruit and vegetables shipped from afar, rather than with produce grown locally.
29. You bake in the oven when a microwave would work just as well.
30. You use paper napkins rather than washable cloth napkins.
31. You clean up the kitchen with paper towels instead of a reusable sponge or dishcloth.
32. You put away leftovers using foil and plastic bags instead of reusable food containers.
33. You flush old medicines down the toilet where ingredients can make their way to the Bay and endanger fish and wildlife.
34. You keep receiving unwanted catalogs and other junk mail because you don't take time to remove your name from the mailing list.
35. You water your lawn too frequently and/or for too long.
36. You wash your car in front of your house where detergent and dirt can flow into the storm drain.
37. You have a wood burning fireplace.
38. You use a gas-powered lawn mower and leaf blower.
39. You have an old energy-guzzling refrigerator in the garage.
40. You use batteries that are not rechargeable.
41. You don't have any trees planted in your yard.
42. You don't have mulch in your flower beds and garden.
43. You leave the lights on when you leave the room.
44. You wash laundry in hot water when cold water would do.
45. You don't clean the lint filter on the dryer after each load.
46. You hose off the patio rather than sweeping with a broom.
47. You throw away clothes or household items that could be reused by someone else.
48. You have a collection of old paint, pesticides and herbicides.
49. You leave outdoor lights on all night instead of using a timer.
50. You go to sleep at night thinking that protecting the Earth for future generations is someone else's responsibility.

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## Protect creeks by keeping leaves out of storm drains

Falling leaves left in the street and gutter can clog storm drains and cause potential flooding of neighborhood streets. Thorough yard clean-ups once or twice this fall can improve the look of your property and neighborhood, reduce chances of flooding, prevent pollution to local creeks and increase public/environmental health.



Start by cleaning rain gutters and down spouts. Sweep or rake fallen leaves into piles on your property, and place the piles into your Clean Green cart for curbside collection and recycling. Do not blow or rake leaves into the street. If wet weather begins before all clean-up projects are complete, cover or contain piles of leaves, dirt, sand or other materials so that they are not washed into the street or gutter. All fertilizers and pesticides should be stored indoors or under cover.

Keep an eye on your neighborhood storm drain catch basin. If a catch basin is flooded and clogged with leaves, clear it with a broom or call the City of Santa Clara Street Department at 615-3080.

For more information on leaf and green waste recycling, call Mission Trail Waste Systems at 727-5365. For more information on ways to prevent storm drain pollution, call Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Control Program at (800) 794-2482.

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## Easy ways to recycle your used batteries



Households with individual wheeled garbage cart or garbage can service can safely recycle household batteries in zip-lock style plastic bags by placing them on top of the lid of their curbside black garbage cart for collection. Residents with front load bin service may still drop off their household batteries at any Santa Clara fire station, seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Only dry cell batteries will be collected in the household battery recycling program. Dry cell batteries include sizes D, C, AA, AAA, and 9-volt; single use CZn, alkaline, and zinc air; and NiCd, NiMH, and NiFe reusable/rechargeable batteries.

Wet cell batteries (commonly used in vehicles, boats, and emergency lighting applications), watch batteries, and lithium batteries (commonly used in digital cameras, notebook computers, and portable DVD players) will not be collected through the curbside program. Contact the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program at 299-7300 to make an appointment to drop off batteries that are not accepted through the curbside program. The next drop-off event in Santa Clara is scheduled for September 27. There are also other events held in the County, throughout the year, at which you can make an appointment by calling 299-7300.

Household batteries must be placed in a zip-lock style plastic bag before setting out for recycling. Set the bag containing the dry cell batteries on top of your wheeled, black garbage cart or garbage can for collection. The batteries are collected on the same day as garbage and safely recycled. If you have questions about the curbside household battery collection program, call 615-2063, or if you have other questions about service, call Mission Trail Waste Systems at 727-5365.

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## Keep fluorescents out of landfill

Fluorescent bulbs and tubes have been banned from going into landfills because they contain a significant amount of mercury. Here are two ways that you can properly recycle your fluorescent bulbs:

1. Go to [www.hhw.org](http://www.hhw.org) and click on the "Fluorescent Bulb Drop-Off Locations" site for a list of local retailers that will accept your fluorescent bulbs for free during open business hours.
2. Call 299-7300 to make an appointment to attend a Santa Clara County Household Drop-Off event to recycle your fluorescent bulbs and drop-off other household hazardous waste items. The next drop-off event in Santa Clara is scheduled for September 27.

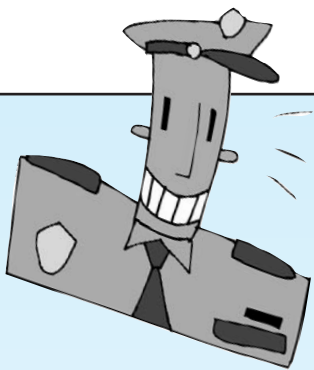
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# CODE COMPLIANCE QUESTIONS



**Q** *My neighbors have a couch and reclining chair on their front porch, and the front yard is often cluttered with other items. Is there anything that can be done to help clean up the property?*

**A** From this description, the property could be classified as a public nuisance and could be a fire hazard. The Santa Clara Municipal Code prohibits the storage of most items on residential property if they can be viewed from a public street or walkway. (The storage of legally parked and licensed vehicles and materials for a construction project with a valid permit is not restricted.) Any accumulation of combustible materials increases the chance of a fire. The Fire Department has responded to a number of fires involving couches on porches, many started by discarded cigarettes. A fire on a porch can spread to the home and neighboring properties and endanger the occupants. Public nuisance laws are intended to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of people by maintaining property and promoting a sound and attractive community appearance. To report properties that may pose a public nuisance, call Code Enforcement at 615-2460. For properties that pose a fire hazard, call the Fire Department at 615-4970.

**Q** *In an apartment or rental house, who is responsible for providing smoke detectors?*

**A** The Santa Clara Municipal Fire and Environmental Code requires building owners to provide and maintain smoke detectors in dwelling units. It also requires tenants to notify the building owner immediately of the need to repair or replace the smoke detector. Smoke detectors should be tested on a weekly basis, and the batteries should be replaced at least once a year. Smoke detectors more than seven years old should be replaced. For further information on smoke detectors, contact the Santa Clara Fire Department, Division of Fire Prevention at 615-4970.

## Green *(continued)* Recycle beverage containers

Glass juice bottles, aluminum soda cans, plastic water bottles — all these beverage containers can be recycled through Santa Clara's curbside recycling program. Just place beverage containers in your gray bin for easy recycling on your regular solid waste collection day. Or bring them to the nearest buy-back center (usually located at or near grocery store parking lots) to redeem them for cash. Questions? Call 615-2063.



Recycling conserves energy, saves natural resources and extends the life of local landfills.

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## BYOB when shopping

Don't forget to bring your own bag when shopping! Reuse the paper or plastic bags provided by the store on your last visit, or bring a reusable cloth bag.

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## Save Money *(continued from page 9)*

from the City's municipal utility. In many cases, improvements pay for themselves within a few months, and all of them generate electric utility bill savings for many years.

Rebates are available for a number of products, from refrigerators and fans to pool pumps and air conditioners.

Because attic temperatures can approach 190 degrees in hot weather, a solar attic fan is a wise investment and can pay for itself in about four years — after which it's free while using the sun's photons for power. A \$100 rebate makes this an attractive home-cooling option and an affordable — and quiet — entry-level introduction to the benefits of solar power.

Swimming pool owners know the cost of keeping the pool clean, with expenses related to the pool pump at the top of the list. Now there is a \$200 rebate available to pool owners who install a new pump with a high efficiency two-speed or variable-speed motor.

For complete rebate information, go to [www.siliconvalleypower.com/rebates](http://www.siliconvalleypower.com/rebates).

## New law on how to dispose of sharps



A new state law that goes into effect on Sept. 1 prohibits the disposal of home-generated sharps (disposable hypodermic needles, syringes, lancets, or other medical devices used for self injection or blood test, which may have a sharp tip or end) in trash or recycling containers.

To safely dispose of home-generated sharps, place them in a biohazard sharps container and contact your personal physician, clinic administrator, or pharmacist and ask if they have a take-back program in place.

The Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program will accept home-generated sharps stored in biohazard sharps containers from residents at drop-off events, such as the one scheduled in Santa Clara on Sept. 27. To make an appointment to attend this or another drop-off event, call 299-7300. A list of drop-off locations for sharps waste is posted on the website [www.hhw.org](http://www.hhw.org). Here are some of the drop-off locations that currently accept sharps:

- Kaiser Permanente (Kaiser members only): 700 Lawrence Expressway, Santa Clara 851-1000
- Santa Clara Valley Medical Center: 976 Lenzen Avenue, San Jose 792-5500
- O'Connor Hospital (patients only): 2105 Forest Avenue, San Jose 947-2500
- Good Samaritan: 2425 Samaritan Drive, San Jose 559-2011
- Leiter Pharmacy: 1700 Park Avenue, San Jose 292-6772
- Regional Medical Center of San Jose (formerly Alexian): 225 N. Jackson Avenue, San Jose 259-5000


## It's never too soon to begin holiday shopping!

Get a head start on finding unique gifts for friends and family and show your Santa Clara pride! Visit the City Store at the Chamber of Commerce, 1850 Warburton Avenue and take advantage of the fall promotion — buy one of these selected items and get a second item at 25% off.

Promotional Item	Price for 1st one	25% off for 2nd**
HT2 Red/White Shirts	\$9.00	\$6.75
Golf Ball packs	\$6.00	\$4.50
Puffy Red Shirts	\$9.00	\$6.75
Watches	\$29.00	\$21.75
Umbrellas	\$15.00	\$11.25
Folio pads	\$18.00	\$13.50
Blue Polo Shirt Med/XL	\$25.00	\$18.75


Visit the City's website ([santaclaraca.gov/community/commu\\_city\\_store.html](http://santaclaraca.gov/community/commu_city_store.html)) for availability of the items above.

\*\* You can mix and match your first and second items. Example, buy a golf ball pack for \$6 and a polo shirt at 25% off




### Will Your TV Work Next Year?


After February 17, 2009, all full-power television stations will broadcast only in digital. If you use rabbit ears or a rooftop antenna with your analog TV, you are going to need to take action to continue watching TV.




What can you do? You can apply for up to two \$40 coupons to help pay for the cost of certified TV converter boxes. A certified TV converter box will plug into your analog television and keep your picture on.



For more information or to request your coupons, call 1-888-DTV-2009 (1-888-388-2009), visit online at [www.DTV2009.gov](http://www.DTV2009.gov), apply by mail at PO Box 2000, Portland, OR 97208, or fax 1-877-DTV-4ME2. Deaf or hard of hearing callers may dial 1-877-530-2634 (TTY).



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FALL Begins September 22





# It's Back To School Time

## Library resources expanded for students

Just in time for the start of school, the library has redesigned and expanded the homework help resources available 24/7 on the library's website, and is offering free online tutoring from 1 to 10 p.m. every day of the week.

The "Brainfuse" Homework Help program is available for students in grades 3-12. Using either a computer in the Library or one at home, students can receive real-time tutoring in a wide variety of subjects, including math, science, social studies, and English/language arts from an experienced tutor. Students must have a current Santa Clara City Library card in order to participate.

There are more than 1,000 tutors in the Brainfuse network, each a specialist in a subject and grade level. When the student types in a homework question, the system instantly matches up an appropriate online tutor. The student and tutor use instant messaging and an interactive white board to work through homework problems and concepts together. In addition to conventional homework help, the service provides skills building exercises and a 24-hour writing lab where students can submit essays and term papers in progress and get feedback from a tutor.

Brainfuse is funded by the California State Library, the Foundation & Friends of Santa Clara City Library, National Semiconductor, and the Wells Fargo Foundation.

Students and parents are invited to visit the library in person for an introduction and tour of the educational resources, or log on at [www.library.santaclaraca.gov](http://www.library.santaclaraca.gov) and take a virtual tour of Library's webpage.

The library also offers a wide range of online resources that can help students from elementary school through college do research. These resources and others may be accessed by clicking on the *Research Databases* link. Newer additions to assist students from elementary school to college include:

- **WORLD BOOK KIDS:** Thousands of colorful illustrations, diagrams and maps, and dozens of activities tied to national curriculum standards.
- **ENCICLOPEDIA ESTUDIANTIL HALLAZGOS:** A Spanish-language encyclopedia for elementary and middle grades, or beginning Spanish students. The Student Findings Encyclopedia is organized so that students can find information quickly and easily.
- **WORLD BOOK REFERENCE CENTER:** The World Book website offers an encyclopedia, dictionary, atlas, homework help, study aids, and curriculum guides. There are thousands of articles, state-of-the art multimedia, editor-reviewed Web sites, periodical content, and more!

## Register for fall recreation programs



Each season, the Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Department offers programs for all ages and interests. Classes range from dance, fitness and sports, to gymnastics, creative arts, cooking, chess and more.

The City of Santa Clara Recreation

*Activities Guide* provides a complete listing of the classes and activities offered. Pick up a copy at the Community Recreation Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Teen Center, Santa Clara Senior Center, City Hall, Central Park Library, and Mission Family Reading Center. The guide is also posted online at [www.santaclaraca.gov](http://www.santaclaraca.gov).

Registration for residents of Santa Clara is available immediately, through our online or automated phone systems. Beginning Sept. 3, residents can also register in person at the Community Recreation Center, Teen Center or Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center. For more information, call the Community Recreation Center at 615-3140.

## Pay for school meals online

Starting this school year, parents and guardians of students in Santa Clara Unified School District can pay for their child's meals online. It is fast and simple and eliminates the worry about whether a child has money in his/her account and/or sending money to school with their child. Also, parents will have the ability to print out a copy of their child's eating history report. This history report will show all dates and times that the

child has purchased a breakfast and or lunch within the past thirty days.

Information will be provided through the schools. For details, call Tina Cooley at 423-2152 or email her at [tcooley@scusd.net](mailto:tcooley@scusd.net).

## School's open so pay attention and drive safely

Abide and respect crossing guards whose sole job is to help students and parents get to and from school safely.

Pay attention to slower speed limits and watch for children who may dart into traffic unexpectedly.

Pull as close as possible to the curb to drop off children, and make sure children leave the vehicle on the passenger side – not the driver's side. Avoid double-parking and letting the child off in the middle of the street.

Loading and unloading zones at the school should NOT be used as a waiting area for parents who arrive early to pick up their students. Do not leave your car unattended in a loading/unloading zone. If you want to walk your child to class, park your vehicle in a legal parking spot.

Do not jaywalk. If there is a crosswalk or controlled intersection available to use, a pedestrian must use it. Pedestrians who are upon the roadway outside a marked or unmarked crosswalk must yield to all vehicles near enough to constitute an immediate hazard.

Any individual – child or adult – who steps into a marked or unmarked crosswalk has the right of way. Vehicles should come to a complete stop and wait for the pedestrians to safely navigate all the way across the street. Keep your vehicle behind the limit lines if they are designated, or a safe distance if there are no limit lines.

Making unsafe u-turns can be very dangerous. It is illegal to make a u-turn when any other vehicle is closer than 200 feet away approaching for either direction. It's best to go with the flow of traffic and turn at the next street.

## PSAT prep help for high schoolers

High school students who are getting ready to take the PSAT exam can get help preparing at two programs scheduled this fall at the Santa Clara Central Park Library.

Kaplan Test Prep & Admissions will hold a PSAT Practice Test for 9th-12th graders on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 1-4 p.m. A presentation on PSAT Test Strategies for 9th-12th graders will be held on Monday, Oct. 6 at 6:30p.m. Both of the free programs require registration at the Youth Services Desk.

## Earn college credit and see the world

Learn about the world by visiting the world through travel/study programs offered by Mission College. Each college-credit program combines class meetings this fall on the Mission College campus with trips in January, 2009. Programs include:

**Vietnam and Cambodia:** Learn about the history, traditions and rapidly changing life in Vietnam and Cambodia. Through direct contact with the cultures, lifestyles, and religious symbolism, students will develop intercultural understanding of human commonalities and global dependencies. Travel in Cambodia will include Siem Reap, Baon, Angkor Thom, Preah Khan, Ta Prom, Tonle Sap River, Phnom Penh, Cambodia River Palace, Silver Temple and more. Travel in Vietnam will include Nui Sam Fisheries, Muslim Communities, An Giang University, Can Tho floating market, Ho Chi Minh City, the Cathedral, Ben Thanh market, Cu Chi, Cholon and more. Estimated cost is \$3,000 per student and includes airfare, hotels, transportation, breakfast and dinner daily. For more information, contact Tanh Nguyen at [tanh\\_nguyen@wvm.edu](mailto:tanh_nguyen@wvm.edu), or by phone at 855-5187.

**France, Italy and Austria:** Vienna, Salzburg, Venice, Florence, and Paris are on the itinerary for the nine-day trip. Estimated cost is \$2,500 - \$2,800 per person and includes airfare, hotels, breakfast and dinner daily. Travel, learn and have fun earning three college credits. For more information and to reserve a space, please contact Dr. Anna Brichko at [ann\\_brichko@wvm.edu](mailto:ann_brichko@wvm.edu) or by phone at 855-5222.

**Peru:** Students enrolled in this class will tour Peru with visits to Machu Picchu, Lima, Cuzco, Pisac, Ollantaytambo, and the National Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. Tour price includes airfare from San Francisco, lodging, local guides and most meals. For more information, contact Dr. Mónica Rivas at [monica\\_rivas@wvm.edu](mailto:monica_rivas@wvm.edu) or by phone at 855-5282.





# One Gallon of Gas

Within the 19.3 square miles of the City of Santa Clara are dozens of free and low cost activities for you and your family. Who needs to get squished in an over-crowded airplane, or spend hundreds of dollars on fuel for a road trip, when there are so many great things to do and see close to home.

What’s your favorite place to go in Santa Clara? Is it missing below or from our online list at [www.santaclaraca.gov](http://www.santaclaraca.gov)? Send an email to [cmccarthy@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:cmccarthy@santaclaraca.gov) describing where you like to go in Santa Clara on one gallon of gas; we may share it on the City website.

**Santa Clara City Central Park Library** – Since it opened in 2004, the Library has become the most popular spot in Santa Clara, with more than 1.2 million visitors a year. In addition to browsing the collection of 421,000 books, DVDs, CDs, magazines and other materials, visitors enjoy the public art located throughout the award-winning building. Every week the Library is the site of free programs featuring authors, speakers, or performers. 2635 Homestead Rd. 615-2900.

**Intel Museum** – Santa Clara is home of the international headquarters of several technology corporations including Intel whose “Intel Inside” advertising campaign made consumers picky about what microprocessor powered their personal computers. The Intel Museum showcases 40 years of Intel history and the technology innovations that brought worldwide attention to Silicon Valley. Fun and educational for children and adults. 2200 Mission College Blvd. 765-0503. For other museums, see page 15.

**California’s Great America** — Eight months out of the year, this 100-acre theme and water park provides adventure and family fun. Entertainment, thrill rides, water slides, Nickelodeon® characters, and rollercoasters galore are included in one ticket price. Youngsters who visited when it opened in 1976 are now bringing their children (and for some, their grandchildren!) to this well known attraction. 4701 Great America Parkway. 988-1776 x8858.



**Mission City Memorial Park** – Walking through this all-faith municipal cemetery is a walk back in time. The cemetery dates back to 1864 and the headstones tell the story of local and national history. A self-guided walking tour available for printout online, will lead you to the final resting places of pioneers, veterans of six wars, and community leaders who made Santa Clara what it is today. 420 N. Winchester Blvd. [santaclaraca.gov/park\\_recreation/pr\\_cemetery.html](http://santaclaraca.gov/park_recreation/pr_cemetery.html) 615-3790.

**Bingo** – Bring your lucky charms and play America’s favorite game at one of the bingo programs scheduled in Santa Clara as fundraisers for Santa Clara Vanguard Drum & Bugle Corps, Santa Clara Aquamaids, or the American Legion, among others. Find bingo in Santa Clara by going to [www.library.santaclaraca.gov](http://www.library.santaclaraca.gov), selecting “Our Community/CIN” (in the blue bar on the left), Search CIN Database and enter the Keyword “bingo.”

**Ulistac Natural Area** – Experience what the valley was like at the time when its population was limited to Ohlone Indians. These 40 acres of open space showcase seven distinctive natural habitats that have been restored by the City and thousands of hours of dedicated volunteer time. Across the street is **Lick Mill Park** with restrooms, picnic tables, and a children’s play area. 4901 Lick Mill Blvd.

**Triton Museum of Art** — Every few weeks, new exhibitions go on display at this museum which presents both contemporary and historic works by artists from throughout the Bay Area. There are classes and special events for all age groups, and docent-led tours to explain the art on view. Open seven days a week. Free admission and plenty of free parking. 1505 Warburton Ave. 247-3754. For other museums, see page 15.

**Westfield Valley Fair** – You don’t have to shop to have fun at this shopping center, one of the most successful in the U.S. Grab a seat to people watch and marvel at the incredible diversity of our community. The center straddles the San Jose-Santa Clara border, so both cities benefit from sales tax revenues from the stores located inside their city limits. Stevens Creek Blvd. at Winchester Blvd. 248-4450.

**Reed Street Dog Park** – With or without a pooch, it can be fun to visit this off-leash dog park and watch the canines run and play. And if you decide it’s time to add a dog (or cat) to your household, the **SVACA Animal Care Center** is just 5 minutes away. Dog Park - 888 Reed St.; SVACA – 3370 Thomas Rd., 764-0344



# Cooking, heating, smoking and electrical cause most home fires

A pot holder too close to a lit burner or a space heater left on overnight could be all it takes to start a home fire. Cooking, heating and smoking are among the leading causes of home fires in the U.S., according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Annual Fire Prevention Week, October 5-11, 2008, focuses on preventing all the leading causes of home fires – cooking, heating, electrical equipment, and smoking materials. More than 2,500 people died in home fires in the United States in 2006, and 12,500 were injured. Fire departments across the country responded to 396,000 home fires, which accounted for 80% of civilian deaths and 76% of injuries that year.

“While the number of home fires is daunting, the good news is that many are easily preventable when residents take simple steps to increase their safety from fire,” said Phil Kleinheinz, Santa Clara Fire Chief. “Whether it’s smoking outside the home, keeping space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn, or staying in the kitchen when you are using the stovetop, there are easy things you can do to keep your home and family safe from fire.”

- **Cooking:** Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period time, turn off the stove.
- **Heating:** Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
- **Smoking:** If you smoke, smoke outside. Wherever you smoke, use deep, sturdy ashtrays.
- **Electrical:** Replace cracked and damaged electrical cords. Use extension cords for temporary wiring only. Consider having additional circuits or receptacles added by a qualified electrician.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week, log on to the official Fire Prevention website: [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org) or contact the Santa Clara Fire Department at 615-4970.

# October is Crime Prevention Month

October is National Crime Prevention Month, a time for everyone to think about how they can best protect their property. Here are a few suggestions from your Santa Clara Police Department:

## Protect your home or business

- Keep your residence or business neat and clean, landscaping trimmed and thinned, pathways and walkways well lit, and give the appearance that someone is home even when they are not, or that the business has a vigilant owner.
- Make sure locks and locking devices work properly and are used properly.
- Mark valuable personal or business property with a designated serial number. If would-be burglars know property is marked, chances are they will not take it. It will be hard to get rid of and they will face felony charges if caught with stolen property.
- Get to know your neighbors by starting a Neighborhood Watch Group or Business Watch Group. A watchful neighbor is an excellent crime deterrent.
- Call the Police Department if you observe a stranger behaving in a suspicious manner such as loitering, going door to door without any purpose, or removing property from a neighbor’s residence or business in an odd way.
- In order to “target harden your home,” think like a burglar. Consider how a criminal might gain access to your home and then eliminate as many vulnerable points as you can. Free home security surveys are available through the Crime Prevention Unit. These surveys will point out weaknesses in home security and suggest possible solutions to improve security.

## Protect your vehicle and valuables

- Always lock your vehicle after entering or leaving it.
- Park in well-lighted areas.
- Always activate your alarm.
- Always remove valuables from your vehicle. Do not leave valuables in the trunk, under the seat or hidden anywhere in your car. Most vehicles have access to the trunk from the inside of the vehicle. Once a thief enters your vehicle, they will search for valuables meant to be hidden.
- Be sure to remove your iPod, GPS/navigation system or any other removable equipment. Mark removable equipment with your driver’s license number.
- Every anti-theft device is a helpful deterrent to a thief (examples: alarms, steering wheel locks, removal stereos).





### **POLICE OFFICER & RECRUIT POLICE OFFICER:**

Police Officer monthly salary range is \$7,741 - \$9,877. Recruit Police Officer monthly salary starts at \$5,867. Both positions require one of the following: Without experience, applicants must have completed sixty (60) semester units or ninety (90) quarter units of academic level course work at an accredited college or university; or applicants with two (2) years full-time, paid, recent police experience with a sheriff's department, state police, highway patrol, or municipal police department must have completed thirty (30) semester units or forty-five (45) quarter units of academic level courses at an accredited college or university. Applicants for Police Officer also require proof of completion of a Basic Peace Officer Academy certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis for both positions; file by September 2, 2008 for the September 20, 2008 written examination.

Please submit City application to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

### **COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER I:**

Communications Dispatcher I monthly salary range is \$5,343 - \$6,478. Requires graduation from high school or possession of a GED and one year of paid employment experience requiring independent decision-making and a high level of public contact, preferably a public safety related position. Possession of a current P.O.S.T. Basic Dispatch certificate is desirable and may be substituted for six (6) months of the employment experience. Possession of a P.O.S.T. Basic Dispatch certificate and a Medical Priorities Dispatching System (MPDS) certificate is required prior to completion of the probationary period. A typing certificate, dated no earlier than 6 months prior to application filing, showing the required typing speed of 30 net words per minute, is required at time of application. Candidates who have taken the POST dispatcher examination within the last six months may submit verification of a t-score of 48 or better in lieu of taking the performance examination. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please submit City application and typing certificate to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

### **COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER II:**

Communications Dispatcher II monthly salary range is: \$5,740 - \$6,971. Requires graduation from high school or possession of a GED; and the equivalent of one of the following: (a) two years of paid employment experience in public safety dispatching within the past five years; or (b) five years of current paid employment with a public safety agency or private emergency medical services agency, with high level Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), radio and/or telephone operation; or (c) successful completion of a probationary period as a Communications Dispatcher I with the City of Santa Clara. Possession of a current P.O.S.T. Basic Dispatch certificate is desirable and may be substituted for six months of the employment experience. Classroom education involving fire science or law enforcement related studies is highly desirable. A typing certificate,

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dated no earlier than 6 months prior to application filing, showing the required typing speed of 30 net words per minute, is required at time of application. Candidates who have taken the POST dispatcher examination within the last six months may submit verification of a t-score of 48 or better in lieu of taking the performance examination. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

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### **ELECTRIC UTILITY GENERATION TECHNICIAN:**

Electric Utility Generation Technician monthly salary range is \$6,946 - \$8,455. Requires graduation from high school or its equivalent and four (4) years of electric generation operation and maintenance experience in a medium-sized electric generation power plant or equivalent, including two (2) years of experience above the entry level. Three years of operations and maintenance level experience above the entry level with work assignments in City of Santa Clara combined cycle generation facilities may substitute for the above experience requirements. Two (2) additional years of electric generation operation and maintenance experience with an electric generation power plant or the equivalent is highly desirable. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis; examinations are scheduled as a sufficient number of applications are received.

Please submit City application to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

### **ELECTRICIAN:**

Electrician monthly salary range is \$6,455 - \$7,837. Requires graduation from high school or its equivalent and status as a journey-level electrician and/or completion of a formal electrician apprenticeship program. Certification of required journey level electrician status and/or completion of a formal electrician apprenticeship program must be provided. Journey level experience working for an electric utility maintaining high voltage substation equipment or journey level experience maintaining solid state traffic signal equipment, or solid state supervisory control systems is desirable. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please submit City application and electrician certification to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

### **JOURNEY LINEWORKER:**

Journey Lineworker monthly salary range is \$6,455 - \$7,837. Requires graduation from high school or possession of a G.E.D.; and completion of a recognized three (3) year apprenticeship program as a Lineworker. Certification of apprenticeship program must be provided at time of application. Possession of a valid California Class A Driver's license is required, or possession of a valid Class C license at the time of employment and the ability to obtain Class A within six months of employment. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Please apply by formal application to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

### **POLICE RECORDS SPECIALIST II:**

Police Records Specialist II monthly salary range is \$4,956 - \$6,037. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Requires graduation from high school or its equivalent; and two years of clerical and typing experience. College education with special emphasis in police administration or related fields may be substituted for the required work experience on a year-for-year basis. A typing certificate, dated no earlier than 6 months prior to application filing, showing the required typing speed of 50 net words per minute, is required at time of application. Possession of an appropriate, valid California driver's license is required at time of appointment. A background investigation will be conducted prior to appointment. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis; examinations are conducted as vacancies occur.

Please submit City application and typing certificate to the Human Resources Dept., 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara, CA 95050, or FAX 247-5627.

For additional job opportunities available at the City of Santa Clara, please visit our website at [www.santaclaraca.gov](http://www.santaclaraca.gov) or call our Job Hotline at 615-JOBS. EOE.

## **Be a crossing guard**



Do you enjoy working outdoors and with children? The Santa Clara Police Department is looking for dependable individuals to safeguard the children of our community. Starting pay is \$12.28 an hour with a maximum of 15 hours per week.

Numerous positions are available for relief/substitute crossing guards at locations throughout the City. For more information, contact DeAnna Black at 615-4875 or by email at [dblack@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:dblack@santaclaraca.gov).

## **Drought**

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an application form at most appliance stores. For more information or an application call 265-2607 ext. 2554 or visit online at [www.conservationrebates.com](http://www.conservationrebates.com).

- The Water Efficient Landscape Rebate Program offers residents up to \$1,000 in rebates (and commercial/industrial/institutional organizations up to \$10,000) to replace high water-using plants like grass with low water-using plant alternatives or permeable hardscape. The replacement plants come from a pre-approved plant list that utilizes many hardy native plant species. Hardscape can include rock gardens or permeable patios. Participants must be pre-approved for the program. For more information please contact Kurt Elvert at the Santa Clara Valley Water District at 265-2607 ext. 2205.

There are many ways – big and small – to conserve water. For more ideas on how to reduce your water use, visit the Santa Clara Valley Water District website at [www.valleywater.org](http://www.valleywater.org).





# SANTA CLARA ARTS & HISTORICAL CONSORTIUM

## Santa Clara Museums



### Triton Museum of Art

The Triton Museum of Art exists to enhance the quality of lives of people in Santa Clara and the Bay Area through a program of art, education, and community involvement. Rotating exhibits highlight the museum's permanent collection of 19th and 20th century American art. *Native Americans Yesterday and Today: Selections from the Austen D. Warburton Collection*, is a permanent exhibition. The museum buildings are owned by the City, but are operated by the nonprofit Triton Museum of Art. The museum is located at 1505 Warburton Ave., across the street from City Hall. The Museum is open daily, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursdays until 9 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 247-3754, or visit the Triton website at [www.tritonmuseum.org](http://www.tritonmuseum.org).



### de Saisset Museum

Founded in 1955 through the bequest of Isabel de Saisset, the museum features rotating exhibits as well as permanent displays of art. The museum's collection includes American, European, African and Oriental art. The *California Historic Collection* features artifacts of the pre-mission California Indians, relics and sacramental objects from the original mission, and memorabilia from the days of the early college. The de Saisset also has an ongoing program of films, concerts and lectures. The museum is located on the Santa Clara University campus, adjacent to historic Mission Santa Clara. Admission and parking are free. Galleries are open Tuesday through Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 554-4528, or visit the de Saisset website at [www.scu.edu/deSaisset](http://www.scu.edu/deSaisset).



### Headen-Inman House

The charming Headen-Inman House, 1509 Warburton Ave., includes a museum with photographs and artifacts related to the history of Santa Clara. Rotating exhibits by the Santa Clara Art Association are also on display. The Santa Clara Founders and Pioneers Room has exhibits featuring the founding families and early pioneers of Santa Clara County. The house, named after the two families who once owned it, is now owned by the City, but is operated by and is the headquarters of the nonprofit Santa Clara Arts & Historical Consortium. The museum is open most Sundays, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 248-ARTS.



### Berryessa Adobe

In the 1840s, this simple adobe dwelling was constructed about a mile west of Mission Santa Clara. The house was lived in by generations of families who immigrated to Santa Clara to labor in the fields and factories, and to make new lives for themselves. Pur-



- Pictured top to bottom, above :**
- Triton Museum of Art
  - de Saisset Museum
  - Headen-Inman House
  - Berryessa Adobe South
  - Bay Historical Railroad Society
  - Harris-Lass House
  - Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe

chased by the City of Santa Clara in 1997 and restored in 2002, the Berryessa Adobe is one of the last adobes in the Santa Clara Valley, and is an interpretive site on the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. It is located at 373 Jefferson Street and generally open Thursdays and Saturdays, 12 noon to 4 p.m., or by arrangement. Group tours may also be arranged. For more information, call 615-2488 or email: [BerryessaAdobe@santaclaraca.gov](mailto:BerryessaAdobe@santaclaraca.gov).

### South Bay Historical Railroad Society

The South Bay Historical Railroad Society was founded in 1985 with the goal of preserving the heritage of American railroading. SBHRS accomplished the major task of renovating the historic Santa Clara Depot, and maintains the facility and researches its history. The group also built and maintains onsite HO and N scale museum-grade model train layouts. The Santa Clara Depot, at the Santa Clara Caltrain Station, is regularly open to the public every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m., at 1005 Railroad Ave. Call 243-3969 for further information, or visit the website at [www.sbhrrs.org](http://www.sbhrrs.org).

### Harris-Lass Historic Museum

The Harris-Lass Historic Museum, located at 1889 Market St., is the last preserved farm site in the City of Santa Clara. The property, which includes a large fully furnished Italianate-style home, barn, summer kitchen and a tank house, is named for the two families who owned it and lived there for 125 years. The museum is now owned by the City, but is operated by the nonprofit Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara, and staffed entirely by volunteers. Guided tours aid visitors in learning about local history and life in the early 1900s. Museum hours are most Saturdays and Sundays, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Parking is free. For details about visiting the museum, call 249-7905.

### Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe

The Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe, located at 3260 The Alameda, is a State-registered landmark and one of the oldest surviving adobe structures in northern California. With its origins dating to 1784, the Pena adobe was originally part of a row of houses for married Indian couples. The Santa Clara Woman's Club now uses the adobe as its club headquarters and meeting place. The Woman's Club provides encouragement and support for youth in Santa Clara, and cooperates with other organizations to aid seniors, veterans and the handicapped. Call 246-8000 for more information.

## Other Consortium Member Groups

### Foothills Region Antique Automobile Club of America

Interested in the preservation of cars that are 25 years old or older, the members of this club tour with their cars and take part in parades and many other family oriented activities. For more information, call President Grant Danielson, 836-2330.

### Los Fundadores y Amigos de Alta California, the Founders and Friends of Santa Clara County

The goals of Los Fundadores are to preserve the history and heritage of Santa Clara County and early California, to maintain a museum room in the Headen-Inman House, to provide rotating genealogical displays, and to develop research materials for the library room at the museum. The group was established in 1987 by Evalyn Martinez. It publishes a quarterly newsletter aimed at preserving the history and heritage of the founding families and early pioneers of Santa Clara County from its founding through 1889. For more information, call Evalyn Martinez at 926-1165.

### Santa Clara Players

The Santa Clara Players is a talented local theater group that performs in the 80-seat Hall Pavilion of the Triton Museum of Art. Its season runs from October through June and includes three public productions plus one-act plays that can be performed for groups by special arrangement. Call 248-7993 for more information or visit [www.scplayers.org](http://www.scplayers.org).

### Santa Clara Sister Cities Association

Individuals interested in promoting an appreciation for the world and its diverse cultures are invited to join the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association (SCA). Membership is open to both residents of Santa Clara and non-residents. SCA works closely with the City's International Exchange Commission which coordinates exchange programs with Santa Clara's two sister-cities: Coimbra, Portugal and Izumo, Japan. The group meets four or five times during the year at the Senior Citizens Center in Santa Clara. For more information on the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association, or opportunities to host visitors, contact SCA President Debi Davis at 244-7551 or see the website at [www.santaclarasistercities.org](http://www.santaclarasistercities.org).

### Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists

Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists is dedicated to studying, teaching and promoting the art of china, glass and porcelain painting. Activities include monthly meetings/luncheons, workshops/seminars, demonstrations, porcelain exchange, and community involvement. For more information, call Arline Norsworthy at 296-8319.

### Consortium Member Groups include:

- City of Santa Clara - Berryessa Adobe\*
- de Saisset Museum\*
- Foothills Region AACA
- Garden City Doll Club
- Heart of the Valley\*
- Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara
- KKUP Radio
- Los Fundadores, Founders and Friends of Santa Clara Co.
- Mission City Opera
- Mission Trail Early Ford V-8 Club
- Primarily Purses/Vintage Accessories Club
- Roberta Jones Junior Theatre\*
- Santa Clara Art Association
- Santa Clara City Library\*
- Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society\*
- Santa Clara Players
- Santa Clara Sister Cities Association
- Santa Clara Schools Foundation\*
- Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists
- Santa Clara Woman's Club\*
- Soroptimist International of Santa Clara\*
- South Bay Historical Railroad Society\*
- Spanish Heritage Society
- Tabard Theatre\*
- Triton Museum of Art\*
- The Twenty Diners Plus

For more information on the Consortium or information on any of the groups listed above, call 248-ARTS.

\*Affiliate Members



# Apply now for Leadership Santa Clara 2009

Applications are now being accepted for Leadership Santa Clara 2009, a six-month course beginning in January that prepares interested individuals in becoming community leaders. Sessions are generally held on the second Thursday of each month from February through June, with two additional sessions in January and a graduation ceremony/reception in mid-June. Classes are held at a variety of Santa Clara business locations, offering students an opportunity to visit a range of local organizations. Class sessions usually begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m. Top-notch speakers cover a wide range of topics. Skill-building sessions focus on working with the media, public presentation skills, team building, meeting management, regional transportation and ethics.

For more information on tuition, etc., call Leadership Santa Clara Program Coordinator Scott Summerfield at (925) 249-9320, email him at [smmrflld@aol.com](mailto:smmrflld@aol.com), or contact the City Manager’s Office at 615-2210.



***Congratulations Leadership Class of 2008!** The Leadership Santa Clara alumni and the City of Santa Clara would like to congratulate the Leadership Santa Clara graduating class of 2008! Shown at the June graduation ceremonies held at the Triton Museum of Art are (from left) Foster Lopes (Senior Advisory Commissioner), Cynthia Owens (Parks & Recreation Commissioner), Frances Carrasco-Leyerte (Resident), Ngoc Nguyen-Mains (Santa Clara University), Pat Flot (Santa Clara Unified School District), Keith Stattenfield (Planning Commissioner), Padmasree Gadde (Resident), Scott Ellis (Student), Cary Keesecker (Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce & Convention-Visitors Bureau), Jennifer Dahlen (Aramark), Peter Yoon (International Exchange Commissioner), Vignesh Sukumar (Resident), Dani Bonvicino (Decathlon Club), Jill Meyers (Triton Museum of Art), Maria Daane (Foundation & Friends of the Santa Clara City Library), Julianne Topliff (Santa Clara Unified School District), Natalia Vassilievva (Resident), Brice McQueen (Housing Rehabilitation Loan Committee), and Sara Van Til (Student).*

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## Access neighborhood crime information any time you want

Residents can now learn about crime in their neighborhoods through a new Online Crime Alerting and Mapping Service that provides easy-to-read incident crime maps and automated alerts to the citizens of Santa Clara.

The service is located at [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com). Once at the site, you may enter a location or simply click on the State of California and then choose Santa Clara City from the list of available agencies. This service provides neighborhood crime data in near real-time and is available now.

The CrimeReports service is free to the public and allows residents to receive automatic daily, weekly or monthly email alerts if/when crimes occur near their home, office, local school, etc. Residents can also view reported crime activity on an easy to use map. Crime incident data is updated nightly and include: incident type, date, location, distance from inquirer's address, event or case number, and a brief crime incident description.

For more information on CrimeReports.com, contact the Santa Clara Police Department Crime Analysis Unit at 615-4841 or email [CrimeAnalysis@santacalaraca.gov](mailto:CrimeAnalysis@santacalaraca.gov).

## Santa Clara’s nonprofit partners

The City of Santa Clara contracts with a number of local nonprofit agencies for the provision of community services. These agencies are funded by either the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement program or the Redevelopment Agency Affordable Housing Fund program. The objective is to provide funding support to assist persons and households that are low income. Provision of public services by these agencies is reviewed annually by the City for consideration of continued funding support. Here are a few of the agencies, the services that they provide for Santa Clara, and their contact telephone numbers (area codes are 408 unless otherwise noted):

- Project Sentinel (fair housing services, information and referral, investigation), (650) 321-6291
- Catholic Charities Shared Housing (shared housing

- services for families and single-parents with children), 325-5277
  - Bill Wilson Center (counseling for youth and families), 243-0222
  - Support Network for Battered Women (counseling, legal services, emergency shelter), 541-6100
  - Second Harvest Food Bank, Operation Brown Bag (provision of food staples for seniors), 266-8866
  - Senior Adult Legal Services (SALA) (individual counseling on legal issues for seniors), 295-5991
- A complete list of the City’s community service non-profit partners are found on the City’s website at [santacalaraca.gov/plan\\_inspection/hou\\_npp.html](http://santacalaraca.gov/plan_inspection/hou_npp.html) or call the Housing & Community Services Division at 615-2490.